

Amendments to the Claims

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A user terminal for a network, the user terminal comprising:

a local database stored on the user terminal comprising community preference information related to preferences of a community of users;

a priority controller for determining a priority of elements of community preference information in the local database;

a processor for determining if a communication with a second user terminal is possible;

a transmitter for communicating the priority to the second user terminal if communication is possible;

a receiver for receiving community preference information from the second user terminal if communication is possible;

a database controller for updating the database of community preference information in response to the received community preference information;

a recommendation processor for generating a recommendation in response to the community preference information of the local database; and

wherein the elements of community preference information are transmitted in the order of highest priority.

Claim 2 (Original): A user terminal as claimed in claim 1 wherein the community preference information relates to media clips and the recommendation is of a media clip.

Claim 3 (Original): A user terminal as claimed in claim 1 wherein the user terminal is a wireless user terminal.

Claim 4 (Original): A user terminal as claimed in claim 1 wherein the communication with the second user terminal is over a direct wireless link between the user terminal and the second user terminal.

Claim 5 (Original): A user terminal as claimed in claim 1 wherein the local database is operable to comprise community preference information related to the whole community is stored.

Claim 6 (Original): A user terminal as claimed in claim 1 wherein the user terminal is operable to communicate community preference information from the local database to the second user terminal if communications with the second user terminal is possible.

Claim 7 (Original): A user terminal as claimed in claim 1 wherein the user terminal is operable to communicate with the second user terminal using a peer to peer protocol.

Claim 8 (Original): A user terminal as claimed in claim 1 wherein the received community preference information comprises time information and the database controller is operable to update the community preference information of the local database in response to this time information.

Claim 9 (Original): A user terminal as claimed in claim 1 wherein the community preference information comprises a user rating.

Claim 10 (Original): A user terminal as claimed in claim 1 wherein the user terminal further comprises means for communicating the recommendation to another user terminal.

Claim 11 (Original): A user terminal as claimed in claim 1 wherein the user terminal further comprises an interface for receiving community preference information from the Internet.

Claim 12 (Cancelled).

Claim 13 (Previously presented): A user terminal as claimed in claim 1 wherein the received community preference information is received in a prioritized order.

Claim 14 (Original): A data network comprising at least one user terminal as claimed in claim 1.

Claim 15 (Original): A data network as claimed in claim 13 wherein the data network is a peer to peer data network.

Claim 16 (Original): A data network as claimed in claim 13 wherein the data network comprises a plurality of wireless user terminals according to claim 1, and wherein at least one of the plurality of wireless user terminals are operable to receive community preference information

from a fixed network and distribute the community preference information from the fixed network to other wireless user terminals.

Claim 17 (Original): A data network as claimed in claim 15 wherein the fixed network is the Internet.

Claim 18 (Original): A data network as claimed in claim 15 wherein the at least one wireless user terminal is operable to distribute the community preference information from the fixed network while disconnected from the fixed network.

Claim 19 (Original): A method of providing a recommendation to a user of a user terminal, the method comprising the steps of:

locally in the user terminal storing a local database comprising community preference information related to preferences of a community of users;
determining a priority of elements of the community preference information in the local database;
determining if a communication with a second user terminal is possible;
and if so
receiving community preference information from the second user terminal and communicating community preference information from the local database to the second user terminal, such that the highest prioritized community preference information is transmitted first;
updating the database of community preference information in response to the received community preference information; and

generating a recommendation in response to the community preference information of the local database; and
providing the recommendation to the user.

20. (Previously presented): A computer readable medium including code for a user terminal for a network, medium comprising:
code for storing community preference information related to preferences of a community of users;
code for determining a priority of elements of community preference information in the local database;
code for determining if a communication with a second user terminal is possible;
code for receiving community preference information from the second user terminal if communication is possible;
code for updating the database of community preference information in response to the received community preference information;
code for generating a recommendation in response to the community preference information of the local database.